

REMARKS

The office action of June 3, 2005, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over DE 92 18 985.

Claims 12-24 are allowed.

In view of the Examiner's rejection of the claims, applicant has amended claim 12 and added new dependent claim 25.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 12, 13 and 25 presently on file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the methods disclosed in the reference.

Turning now to the reference, it can be seen that the reference discloses a laminator. The reference does not disclose enclosing a peripheral, narrow, outer boundary region of the inserted template with a peripheral frame consisting of a material which is one of substantially non-heat-conducting and reflects heat and also concentrates heat back onto an inserted

laminate. The reference does not disclose any desire for reflecting heat back onto the laminate. The highly polished metal surfaces of the reference are good heat conductors and thus conduct heat away, and the highly polished surface provides optimal heat transfer. The reference does not disclose concentrating heat back to the laminate; instead it teaches conducting heat away from the laminate in order to prevent the protective layer from melting and closing the holes in the card.

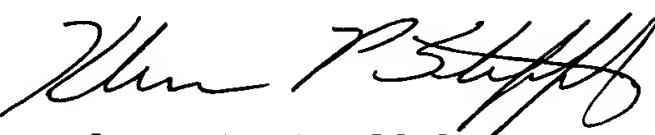
The reference also does not disclose the features recited in new dependent claim 25.

In view of these considerations, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over the above discussed reference is overcome and should be withdrawn.

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Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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